

effect on the profitability of the Indian Airlines,

(e) if so, to what extent ; and

(f) the measures proposed to be taken to make up this loss?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) to (c). An Air Taxi Scheme is in operation since 1986. The scheme enables investment by Indian Companies/NRIs for operating service to air fields to which scheduled air services operate in the country

(d) Profitability depends upon a wide range of factors such as managerial efficiency, business environment, quality of the service rendered and import costs. There need be no adverse impact on the profitability of Indian Airlines because of operation of domestic air services by others.

(e) and (f) Do not arise

Allocation for Power Sector

*175 DR ASIMBALA Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state

(a) the allocation of funds for the power sector in the Eighth Five Year Plan,

(b) the funds earmarked for the Eastern region in comparison to other regions for power growth, and

(c) the details of investment likely to be made by private sector in power generation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) (a) and (b) The Eighth Five Year Plan has not yet been finalised. However, in the

first year of Eighth Plan the allocation for the power sector in the Central Budget is Rs. 5167 crores.

(c) In response to Government policy announced in September, 1991, proposals have been received from the private sector for installation of about 8162 MW capacity at an estimated cost of about Rs. 20,000 crores

Strike by staff of Indian Airlines and Air India

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether a section of the Indian Airlines and Air India staff including the pilots resorted to an undeclared strike or go slow tactics during December, 1991,

(b) if so, the number and category of staff who took part in the strike,

(c) the details of their demands,

(d) the details of the flights that were either cancelled or delayed due to the strike,

(e) the total loss incurred by the Indian Airlines and Air India on this account,

(f) the details of the settlement arrived at, and

(g) the steps taken to avoid such strike in future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) to (c) Seven Indian Airlines pilots, on temporary duty in Calcutta, reported sick there on 20th December, 1991. On 21st December 97 and on the 22nd December 69 line pilots reported sick. The mass absen-

tism was a part of the agitation against the transfer of pilots to Calcutta. It was also stated on behalf of the pilots that it was in protest against denial by the management of the facility of travel back to the base station in the case of 7 pilots on temporary duty who had reported sick in Calcutta.

(d) and (e) As a result of this agitation, 94 flights were cancelled on 20th and 21st of December and a severely curtailed schedule was introduced for the period 22nd to 26th December 1991. The loss sustained by Indian Airlines owing to dislocation of services during the period 20th to 26th December, 1991 is estimated at Rs. 4 crores.

(f) and (g) The agitation was called off unconditionally. Government have set up a tripartite consultation forum which is engaged in an effort to ensure that the management of the airlines and its employees have closer communication and interaction. Indian Airlines has been advised to energise its internal systems for grievance settlement. The Chief Executive has also been advised to take meetings periodically to facilitate communication among different sections of the employees. These are among the measures taken to ensure maintenance of cordial industrial relations.

The issue concerning transfer of pilots to Calcutta is under conciliation before the Regional Labour Commissioner (Central), Bombay.

Scarcity of Coal in Thermal Power Stations in Capital

*177 SHRI TARACHAND KHANDELWAL Will the Minister of POWER AND NON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state

(a) whether thermal power stations in Delhi have been facing acute shortage of coal in the recent months resulting in load

sheddings during winter months

(b) if so, the reasons therefor

(c) whether supply of poor quantity of coal for power generation was one of the causes thereof,

(d) if so, the reasons for the supply of poor quantity coal and the details of loss suffered by the Delhi Electric Supply Undertakings on this account, and

(e) the steps taken to ensure the uninterrupted supply of better quality of coal to the power stations in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) (a) to (e) The power supply position in Delhi during the year 1991-92 including winter months has been by and large satisfactory and there has been no loss of generation at thermal power stations in Delhi on account of inadequate supplies of coal. The supply of adequate quantity and quality of coal to various thermal power stations in the country including those in Delhi, is regularly reviewed by a high level Committee and necessary remedial action is taken by the concerned organisations. The complaints about supply of inferior quality of coal are also referred to the Coal Controller.

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Effect of Extremists Activities on Tourism in Kashmir

*178 PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether the extremists activities in Kashmir have adversely affected tourism there